

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended. Support for the amendments to claim 1 may be found, for example, in the specification at page 8, line 23 to page 9, line 13 and page 12, lines 23-29. No new matter is added.

In view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-14 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over U.S. Patent No. 4,150,672 to Whitney et al. ("Whitney") in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0047153 to Trocki et al. ("Trocki"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Whitney fails to teach or suggest "[a]n injection device comprising an injection nozzle and a reservoir . . . [in which] an upstream piston plug and a downstream piston plug [are] fitted within the reservoir, said injection nozzle compris[es] a flat surface forming a support plane for said reservoir, a blind hole [is] formed proximate a center of said flat surface, said blind hole [is] sized to receive said downstream piston plug upon injection, two or more peripheral channels [are] defined within said injection nozzle proximate a periphery of the blind hole, [and] said peripheral channels [are] configured to deliver the active substance upon injection" as required by claim 1. Trocki fails to cure the deficiencies of Whitney.

Thus, Whitney in view of Trocki would not have rendered obvious claim 1. Claims 2-14 variously depend from claim 1 and, thus, also would not have been rendered obvious by Whitney in view of Trocki for at least the same reasons. Accordingly, reconsideration of withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of this application are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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